GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS
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INADEQUATE PASTE MATERIAL ON STAMPS
DALPAT SINGH PARASTE

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) Whether the postage stamps particularly Rs. 1 and Rs. 3 denomination have almost no glue affixed on the reverse, with the result that the stamp does not stick to the envelop and the recipient of the envelope is forced to pay extra charges as the stamps gets lost during transit; and

(b) if so, the steps taken by the Government to ensure sufficient gum or glue is affixed to the postage stamps of all denominations?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR)

a) Some complaints regarding inadequate gumming of Postage stamps have been received in the past and instructions were immediately issued to India Security Press, Nashik, which prints these items of postage, to improve the quality of gumming and adhesivity, as per the prescribed norms and to ensure that gumming material of good quality is used for this purpose. In the meantime, the Department is providing extra gum at the post office counters.

b) As stated above.